

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Beginning with page 2 of the Office Action, it appears the Patent Office's records erroneously have indicated that this application claims a foreign priority on a Japanese application. Applicants' records do not show such a foreign priority being claimed in this case and believe that the Patent Office's records are mistaken.

The claims stand rejected as being unpatentable under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,323. To obviate the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is concurrently filed, as the prior patent and this application are commonly owned.

The claims have also been amended to correct obvious antecedent basis problems, and to broaden certain claims in permissible manner, without introducing any new matter. For example, claim 10 has been broadened so that the first and second differential pairs recited therein need not be intentionally unbalanced. As to claim 12, this claim has been broadened to refer to a bus which need not be a parallel bus. Accordingly, no claims have been narrowed in this amendment. It is, however, submitted that despite the broadening of the claims, the claims are still neither anticipated or obvious in view of the art of record.

Any dependent claims not mentioned above are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious, for at least the same reasons given above in support of their base claims.

CONCLUSION

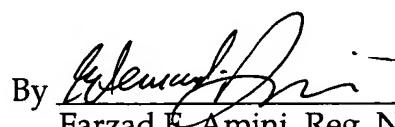
In sum, a good faith attempt has been made to explain why the rejection of the claims is improper, and how the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance referring to claims 1-21, as amended here, is therefore respectfully requested to issue at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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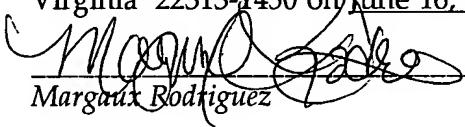
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